

Professional Summary

Highly accomplished tennis professional with over 50 years of teaching, coaching, and management experience at clubs, resorts, universities, and camps nationwide. Extensive background developing players from beginner to elite, managing tennis operations, directing tournaments, and contributing to the tennis community through leadership, speaking, and charitable events.

Coaching & Teaching Experience

- Director of Tennis, Vero Fitness (30 years)
 - 49 years as Tennis Director at clubs and resorts in Indiana, Texas, Michigan, Florida
 - 8 seasons as Head Pro at indoor facilities in Indiana, Michigan, and Kentucky
 - 18 summers directing junior camps in Maine & New York (300–600 campers)
 - NCAA Division I Coach, University of Kentucky (5 years)
 - Coached over 20,000 juniors and 8,000 adults; worked with multiple world-ranked players, including top-30 WTA player Susan Sloane
 - USPTA Elite Professional – 42 years
 - USPTA national speaker; clinician with Nick Bollettieri, Vic Braden, Dennis Van der Meer; speaker at Florida USPTA R.E.D. Seminars
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Playing Achievements

- 61 years as a competitive player
 - Collegiate All-American (singles & doubles) – Carson-Newman College
 - 2 years on Satellite Pro Circuit
 - Multiple state and national rankings, including:
 - #1 Florida 45's Singles (2002)
 - National Finalist 35's Singles (1990)
 - #1 Open Division Singles, Kentucky (1990, 1991)
 - Winner: King of the Hill Open Division (1996)
 - Multiple USPTA Florida Doubles titles
 - 339 career tournament trophies and awards
 - Ambidextrous instructor and player (right & left-handed)
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Leadership, Community & Special Projects

- Owner, Berkheimer's Tennis Services (1987–2005): Club management, consulting, and pro placement
 - Directed 250+ tournaments, including prize events up to \$8,000
 - Published 27 national & sectional USPTA articles
 - Featured on national TV with Vic Braden (1981)
 - Organizer and participant in numerous charity tennis marathons (24-hour & 12-hour events)
 - Youth Guidance mentor (18 years), foster care provider, crisis center founder
 - Radio show host (Vero Beach, 2016)
 - Longtime blood donor (35 gallons donated)
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Unique Instructional Experiences

- Taught tennis to blind and incarcerated students, overcoming unique challenges with rewarding outcomes
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